



High Ability Learners (HAL) – NDE Portal Collection - Open July 25 - Due August 29

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High Ability Learners (HAL) 14-15 Applications for Base Only and Base and Matching Funds AND 13-14 Budget and Year-End Reports; due no later than 11:59 PM, August 29 with an audit window close date of September 15. HAL is an online submission under the Data Collection tab in the NDE Portal. The collection will close at that time and only those reports entered will be considered for HAL grants. **Audit Window Close Date September 15**



Closing/Changes to ILCD Website and Archiving Data

Contact: Your NDE Regional Representative or Adria Bace at adria.bace@nebraska.gov

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is implementing a revised accountability framework designed to more directly support States in improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities, and their families. The Special Education ILCD website is being altered to document requirements of Results Driven Accountability (RDA).

The NDE Special Education Office will close the ILCD site starting August 1 to deploy changes and move to a new server. Our current ILCD system that displays district data around eight INQUIRES including self-assessment ratings by the districts will be archived and no longer available to district staff. **If ILCD teams wish to copy their previous year(s) INQUIRY data, it will be available for copying by the districts until July 31, 2014.** After July 31, districts will not have visible or copying access of their Inquiries from the ILCD website. Previous district File Review data including Corrective Action Plans for Part B and C, Determinations and Performance reports will continue to display on the revised ILCD website.

The ILCD site will re-open the end of August. NDE staff and ESU facilitators will be working with districts throughout the 2014-15 year to implement district requirements for RDA.



New Superintendents – 2014-2015 School Year

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

If your district/system has a new Superintendent for the 2014-2015 school year, please have them contact the NDE Helpdesk to get set up on the NDE Portal as the new District Administrator for your District. We will provide them with the district admin activation code specific to their district. The previous District Admin will also need to be removed. The Helpdesk can also provide them with information on where instructions are located for the District Administrator Responsibilities and assigning activation codes.



2014-2015 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive Grant - Due July 25

Contact: Cathy Mohnike (cathy.mohnike@nebraska.gov or 402-471-1419)

The 2014-2015 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive grant application became available in the GMS on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 and will be due by midnight on Friday, **July 25, 2014.**



Public School District Superintendents and ESU Administrators Pay Transparency Act Collection

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) – **Due August 1**

As a result of the enactment of LB 470 by the Legislature, Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-2401 through 79-2405 require all Public School District Superintendents and Educational Service Unit Administrators contracts and amendments to be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Education by August 1st of each year. If approved by the District School Board or ESU amendments, occur through the year, the updates are to be submitted through the system as well. NDE will publicly display all contracts for the 2014-15 school year on the Department's website.

The contract collection site is scheduled to open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) on May 21st and will be accepting contracts for the 2014-2015 School year. Supporting resources, including instructions, an online demonstration, and links to information required by the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) will be provided as well.



State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2014

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2014 SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be changed so it is important for Districts to review their data. The 2014 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal.

Date	Activity	Public/District
Aug. 25, 2014	2013-2014 SOSR District Preview opens with the following data: Data from End-of-Year NSSRS Reports Preliminary AYP results for the 30 day review NeSA Reading, Math and Science and Grade 4 Writing results (disaggregated) NePAS without graduation data or ranking	District only
Sept., 24, 2014	Last day AYP Appeals will be accepted	District Only
Oct. 8, 2014	PLAS review begins on 2013-2014 SOSR District Preview	District Only
Oct. 22, 2014	SOSR 2013-2014 Report Card released to the public	Public
Oct. 29, 2014	PLAS list added to the Public SOSR 2013-2014 Report Card	Public
Nov. 14, 2014	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, drop-out data added to the 2013-2014 SOSR District Preview	District Only
Nov. 21, 2014	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, drop-out data added to the Public SOSR 2013-2014 Report Card	Public

Information in red added July 17, 2014



NeSA-RMS Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Key dates for NeSA-RMS are presented in the following table

NeSA WebEX on Reporting	July 14-16*
Provide District Access to NeSA RMS reports and Data File on eDirect	July 16*
Deliver printed NeSA and NeSA-AA ISRs	August 4*

***Dates in table were updated April 3, 2014**

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment

Website: <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted your area's NDE Trainer or Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

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